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Proceedings.



June.

THE eleventh meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis was held in Sleeper Hall, Boston University, Boston, Mass., on Thursday and Friday, June 11 and 12, 1885.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7.45 P.M. on Thursday.

The report of the last meeting was first read, and, after certain corrections, approved.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the following program : —

First Session ; Thursday evening : Papers.

Second Session ; Friday morning, 9.30–11.30 : Papers ; 11.30–12.30 : Notes ; 12.30–1 : Business.

Third Session ; Friday afternoon : Papers.

This report was adopted.

The first paper read was that by Prof. Schaff on “The Idiom and Vocabulary of the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles.” This paper, and the discussion of its contents, occupied the Society until 9 o’clock.

The second paper was by Prof. Toy on “The Date of the Korah Psalms.”¹ The discussion which followed this paper lasted until 10 o’clock, when the society took a recess until morning.

The second session was opened by a report from the Treasurer, which was referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of Professors Goodwin and Thayer and Mr. Brooks.

President Hovey of the Newton Theological Institution was next introduced and invited to take part in the discussions.

The third paper of the meeting was read by Dr. Stebbins. His subject was : “The Servant of the Lord in Isaiah liii.”¹ with which the society was occupied until 11 o’clock.

Next followed a paper by Dr. Mombert on “Corrections and Emendations of Jerome’s Version.”¹

¹ Printed in the Journal for 1884.

At 11.40 the President called for miscellaneous notes.

Prof. Bissell criticized the way in which לַעֲבֹד, בַּעֲבֹד, עֲבָרָה, and מַעֲבָרָה are rendered in the Revised Old Testament.

Prof. Gardiner added a few remarks on the same subject and also called attention to the treatment of Dan. ix. 27 by the Revisers.

Mr. Cobb referred to changes made by the Revisers in Isa. lviii. 5.

Prof. Lyon spoke of the seeming contradiction between certain passages of the Old Testament and the Cyrus Cylinder with reference to the religious attitude of Cyrus.

Prof. Beecher claimed that neither meat-offering nor meal-offering is a proper translation of מִנְחָה.

At 12.30 the Society proceeded to transact the business requiring attention.

The Auditing Committee asked for time to examine vouchers. Their request was granted, and they were instructed to report at the meeting in December.

The council recommended for membership the following gentlemen :—

Prof. Charles Elliott,	Easton, Penn.
Rev. W. W. Lovejoy,	Trenton, N.J.
Rev. H. C. Thomson,	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.
Prof. G. F. Wright,	Oberlin, O.
Rev. Lyander Dickerman,	Roxbury, Mass.

On motion a committee consisting of Professors Gardner, Thayer, and Mitchell were appointed by the chair to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Council reported that New York had been selected as the place for the next meeting in the Christmas holidays. The Committee of Arrangements thereupon appointed by the President consisted of Professors Brown and Briggs and Rev. J. F. Riggs.

While the Nominating Committee were out, Dr. Stebbins presented a note on Isa. vii. 14, and Prof. Schaff spoke of the Revision and its prospects.

Dr. Stebbins advocated the appointment of a committee to consider the expediency of publishing an American Standard Edition of the Revised Bible, but after some discussion, moved to lay his own motion on the table.

The Nominating Committee, having returned, reported the following list of officers :—

<i>President,</i>	Prof. D. R. Goodwin ;
<i>Vice-President,</i>	Prof. E. C. Bissell ;
<i>Secretary,</i>	Prof. H. G. Mitchell ;
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Prof. W. J. Beecher ;
<i>Councillors.</i>	Prof. Frederic Gardiner ;
	Prof. C. H. Toy ;
	Prof. Francis Brown ;
	Prof. I. H. Hall ;
	Prof. Howard Osgood.

The report was adopted and the persons nominated elected.

The Society took a recess until 2.30 P.M.

The first exercise of the third session was a note on Isa. iv. 2 by Dr. Stebbins.

The fifth paper, entitled "A Chapter from the Mishnah," a translation of the first section of the tractate Berakhoth with a Commentary, was read by Dr. Kohn.

The sixth paper was that by Prof. Gardiner on "Διαθήκη," Heb. ix. 16 and 17.

The seventh and last paper was a description of "A Hebrew Manuscript," owned in Boston, by Prof. Mitchell.

The following members were present at one or more of the sessions: Messrs. Beecher, Bissell, Brooks, C. R. Brown, Burton, Cobb, Frederic Gardiner, Goodwin, Hincks, Kohn, Lyon, Mitchell, Mombert, Nordell, Schaff, Stebbins, J. P. Taylor, Thayer, Woodruff, and A. A. Wright.

At 5 o'clock the Society adjourned.

H. G. MITCHELL,
Secretary.

December.

The twelfth meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis was held at the Union Theological Seminary, in New York, on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29th and 30th, 1885.

President Goodwin called the Society to order at 2.30 P.M. on Tuesday.

In the absence of the Secretary, Prof. Beecher was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements, through Prof. Francis Brown, reported a program which was adopted.

The first paper was read by Prof. Harman, whose subject was "Cureton's Fragments of Syriac Gospels." Professors Hall, Day, and Briggs participated in the discussion which followed.

Prof. Hall was next requested to give some account of the proposed publication of the Williams MS., which he did, showing photo-engravings of several pages.

Prof. Hall also described certain Syriac MSS. which have lately come into the possession of Union Theological Seminary, and Prof. Briggs made some additional remarks on the same subject.

The second paper, on "ויצֵרָה", Gen. ii. 7," was read by Mr. Richardson and discussed by Professors Gardiner and Day and Dr. Ward.

The following notes were then presented and discussed : —

On יִרְיָ in 1 Sam. ii. 10, as illustrative of יִרְיָ, in Gen. vi. 3, by Prof. C. R. Brown.

On the so-called "Reproductions" of Mills' Text of the Greek New Testament, by Prof. Hall.

On the Complutensian Polyglot, by Prof. Hall.

On the Paragraph Division required after 1 Chron. xxix. 22 *a*, by Prof. Beecher.

On the Use of *ὑπερ* in the New Testament, by Prof. Goodwin.

On *καί* in Heb. x. 38, by Prof. Goodwin.

On a shipyard in Ancient Issus, by Dr. Ward.

After the presentation of these notes a recess until Wednesday morning, at 9.30, was taken.

At the beginning of the second session the Council recommended the following gentlemen as candidates for membership : —

Rev. A. W. Hazen,	Middletown, Conn. ;
Prof. W. W. Martin,	Greencastle, Ind. ;
Prof. M. J. Cramer,	Boston, Mass. ;
Prof. C. R. Gregory,	Leipzig, Germany,

all of whom were elected.

The Council further reported that the next meeting would be held at the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, and as a Committee of Arrangements Professors Goodwin, Peters, and Mitchell were appointed.

The Auditing Committee appointed in June to examine the accounts of the Treasurer reported that they found the same correctly cast and duly vouched. Their report was adopted and the committee discharged.

On motion it was voted that a salary of fifty dollars annually be paid to the Secretary of the Society and the same amount to the Treasurer.

The third paper, on "1 Cor. ii. 13," was read by Prof. Hitchcock, and discussed by Dr. Chambers and Professors Goodwin and Harman.

The fourth paper, on "The Wolfe Expedition to Babylonia," being an abstract of the author's report to the American Archæological Institute, was read by Dr. Ward.

At the conclusion of it the following resolutions were offered by Prof. Harper:—

Resolved, That, as members of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, we express our hearty sympathy with the object for which the Wolfe Expedition to Babylonia was undertaken, and our appreciation of the work accomplished by the Expedition; and further, that we urge upon all who may in any way be interested, the necessity of additional contributions of money to be used in carrying on the work so auspiciously inaugurated.

After a discussion of these resolutions by Messrs. Harper, Hitchcock, Gardiner, Beecher, Chambers, Peters, Francis Brown, and Richardson, they were adopted.

The death of two valued members of the Society, Prof. G. W. Riggan, D.D., and Rev. R. P. Stebbins, D.D., was announced.

The rough minutes were read and corrected.

There were present at one or more sessions Messrs. Beecher, Briggs, Brooks, C. R. Brown, Francis Brown, Buell, Burnham, Chambers, Crosby, Day, Frederic Gardiner, Gillett, Goodwin, Hall, Harman, Harper, Hincks, Hitchcock, Jackson, Peters, Richardson, J. P. Taylor, W. M. Taylor, Ward, and Wilson.

Adjourned.

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